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of Letters. —

1775. J. G. —

May 26th: — Situation at D. not Good — Going a Journey & want assistance. — offers Friendship in case of need at P— &c

June 10th: — Receives & admits my Excuses — recommends Tar Water — Sorry for some Temporal affairs &c — wants y^e Explan. of a Billet — &c invites on y^e. 25. instant — &c

July 10th. Sends papers, — receives & answers my Billet — avoids 2 Hours after — Quere ab^t. y^e Fast. &c — Loaded w^th writing, &c —

July 26th: — B^p. T — s Did Reach — Such Days Becoming pen. fin. — Sends papers, & concludes finely. —

aug. 11. Gratefully acknowledges y^e receipt of my Last — visited B^p. T — &c

Aug. 31st: — Receives — will send to N — t — Sends papers — owns a prudent conduct — &c How many M. fro D. to B. —

Sept. 16th. of a Bill of Exch. — P. at B — l next Day, — will not be unmindfull. &c —

Not Dated. — returned fro. B — l — of the Letter to be Expected from there &c

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Sept. 26th accompan. y. B—l Letter — invites Lucy & redeunt. — Nil preter Extra.

Nov. 8th. Short — wants to hear of Br. D—l,

Decr. 31st: — met wt. Mr. J—d, by whom find Papers — Specialities in one — waits wt impatience to hear abt Mr. D—l — N.B. N.B. Mr. J—

1776. Jan. 6 Suppose. — ++ Discharg'd from B—l, has y. Gout — can't go to S— till Spring. a Stroke on Mr. B. Letter being taken & carried H. D. —

Feb. 13th: wt. papers — can't Get several had before. — report of a 50 Gun Ship arriving at N. Y. —

Feb. 23d: receives Letr. wt. cam. paper. & received y. Book — Send y. Bills, Mr. B. Letr. no harm of it. — Think He can sell my Bills &c — De Luon — Dum Pater. —

Mar. 12th. receives Letter — comp. me on a Supply of Sq—ls, — Mr. Fk—y — no Linnen to be had, — few papers —

April Suppose. — Short — will help if possible about y. Bills —

April 29th: — Discouraging abt. y. Bills, — Mr. R. takes none. — No Linnen to be had — having Tried —

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—company wd be acceptable — our Bren how
& where prov. for — B. Br. Dispirited —
Send all yr papers — one mislaid —

May 7th — The offer of an unknown Friend
about yr Bills — Double provision —
concern'd at yr words Difficulty & Distress.
going to L — t. — Dr S — of P — ca
yr author of Lato — much to say
when Together —

May 15th — Send papers Some new Some old,
Sets out for L — t next monday —
Don.t Expect to be Long M. of P —
Lett. to Wr Jr — Sent. —

Aug. 3rd — may keep yr Ller. Comp. & Com
— and Hut. Hist. &c — wants to hear
fro. his Brath. — Incloses his Letter
to — bidding farewell. — incloses one
to Wr W —. — "Bytill & know yr I am
God's" — N.B. one Lett. Aug. 27. omit. here —

Sept. 9th — receives & Sends yr B — l Letter —
Corrects a mistake of his own —
Invites to see him — wonders yr Wr W.
& I can proceed in &c —

Wt out Date. — Incloging papers to be perus'd
by Wr W —. could not see Wr All — a

Dec. 12th Lato — Tir'd — abund. of P — Duty
& abund. rewarded. — 20 Doll. for B.
a l — incloss a Lett. to Wr W —

Decr 30th of yr Subscript. in Eng. & his Congra
tulations — Gen. your Donations —
Pious reflections

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articles in Publick Papers.

1777. Cont. Journal Dec. 25th. contains an account from the New York Mercury, of ye Proceedings of ye Army & Navy upon the Delaware, Storming the ~~Fort~~ Forts, Severing ye chain & other ways clearing the river, which was Completed 21. of Novr. & the Ships went up the 22nd.

The Rebels abandoned & set fire to their Ships, ye 20th. ~~Confin~~ Their Fleet Consisted of 25 Ships, Brigs Schooners, Sloops, & one row Galley, which Mounted 18, 24 Pounders.

— "By a Letter from Philadelphia we have a confirmation of ye Report intimated in one of our Late papers, viz. the resignation of Genl. Mifflin as a Major General in the Rebel army This Gent. is said to be ye Confidential friend of Mr. Washington, & very highly disputed by ye Troops in the Jerseys.

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The Letter concludes w.th an assurance
y.t Rob.t Morris Esq.r & Col. Harrison
of virginia, have Quitted y.e Congress.
&c &c &c

1778. Independ. Chronicle, Jan.y 15th

The Following is the Form of Prayer
Made use of by the Rev.d Mr. Duche,
In the Congress, after independency was
Declar.d.

" O Lord! our Heavenly Father, King
of Kings & Lord of Lords, who Dost from
Thy Throne Behold all y.e Dwellers
upon Earth, & reignest w.th Power
Supream & uncontroll.d over all
Kingdoms, Empires, & Governments,
Look Down in Mercy we Beseech Thee
upon these our american States, who
have fled to thee from the rod of the
oppressor, & Thrown themselves upon
Thy Gracious Protection, Desiring
Henceforth to be Dependent only
upon thee; To thee have They appeal
-ed for the righteousness of their Cause;
To Thee Do they now Look up for that
Countenance & Support, which Thou
alone

alone can't Give: Take them Therefore, Heavenly Father under thy Nurturing care; Give them wisdom in Council, Valour in the Field; Defeat ye malicious Designs of our Cruel adversaries; Convince them of the unrighteousness of their cause, & if they still persist in their Sanguinary Purposes, o! Let the voice of thy own unerring Justice, Sounding in their Hearts, constrain them to Drop ye weapons of war from their Enervated hands in the Day of Battle. Be thou Present, o! God of wisdom, & Direct ye councils of this Honourable assembly; Enable them to settle things upon ye Best & Surest foundation, that the Scene of Blood may be speedily closed, that order Harmony & Peace, may Effectually be restored, & Truth & Justice, religion & Piety, Prevail & Flourish amongst Thy People; Preserve the Health of their Bodies, & ye vigor of their Minds, Shower Down upon them, & ye millions they represent, such Temporal Blessings, as

as thou seest Expedient for them in this world, & Crown them w^t Everlasting Glory in y^e world to come. all This we ask in the Name, & Thro' y^e Merits of Jesus christ, Thy Son our Saviour. Amen. —

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1778. I. G.

March 26^th. — Thankfully acknowledges all my Lett^rs Lying open before him. returns a Special ans^r to each. — The Ld who told him such Particulars of my Quondam & present Nonsense. — has & will observe Silence &c — Sorry y^t My Lett. at B. was attended w^t such Consequences, hopes Trusts & prays for a full restitution &c — Let. by M^r Gr-n only a Scrip. — forgot y^e Queries mention, as P^r Let. of Oct. 18. In Gen. remembers his Concern for B^r W^s Safely. — Perhaps at well where I am as Elsewhere; y^e Evils we know, often preferable to those we know not. all will be overruled for Good in y^e End. — has not Courted nor Shunned y^e Cross. — Pleas'd indeed w^t y^e full account Given of my resignation, as an undeniable mark of Such a Treasure as y^t would can neither Give Nor take away —

wrote to Mr. C. when heard of his Going to N.Y. in
viting him to Lodge &c But Mr. J. was Desirous that
Jno. &c Can write w. safety, as he never writes
nor answers a word of Politicks. — Thank for y.
Form of Bill on Mess.rs H. &c — The vicaria
visit received &c The Beaver Gave every
satisfaction of mine to him, & will of his to me
— Clubs mostly shut in Connect. N. H. & perhaps
some others open on a new plan; could not have
computed had he been there; Middleton also spe
-dable & Praiseworthy motives, But 10,000 of the
argt. in favr. of such a plan — no impression —
Desirous to appear in y.e Ch. of a C. of y.e 6 K
of C. or none. — not Lately heard from Dr. H
knows noth.g of inv. D. — Mr. H. y not this Lo
Time. — out of his power to Divine when &c
Mr. Wh — r inform. Mr. Beaver. — Clk Dam
as Ever has attend. on Duties. H. will make it y
&c
P.S. + Many hope from nat. ops. at present S. pre
-ductive of Good &c ad utros &c — To Go alone to
N. N.Y. P. might be of Good Consq. Dum vivo.
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Copy of an order.

Sir,

It is His Excellency the Commander in Chiefs orders that you receive on Board your Ship the Revd. Mr. Clarke for a Passage to Ireland.

By order of Captain
Henry L Martin
21st Decr. 1778.

To Capt Hunter of the Ship Roe Hampton

General Minutes, at London, 1779.

The morning intelligencer & General advertiser of Feb. 25th contains the account of the Taking St. Lucia by admiral Barrington & General Grant. — and also the Taking of Savannah the Metropolis of Georgia, by the Troops under Col. Campbell & Commodore Parker. — also y^e^ Proclamation issued by those Commanders very much a Propos.

The same reprinted in owens week by chronicle. Feb^y^ 27. — which I of brow^d^ Received. —

Minutes at London 1779.

The Marquis La Fayette, on his arrival in France the Latter part of 1778 was Banish'd by the French King to his country Seat for 15 Days, for Leaving The King's Dom^n & Going to america W^t out Leave. —

Admiral Byron arriv'd in the West Indies 3^d or 4^th of Jan^y & Soon after had an Engage^t W^t De Estaigne, and Entirely Defeated him, & Sunk 3 of his Ships! —

March 11^th Read in the Morn^g post of this Day, that Washington Being ord'd to March to the Defence of S. Carolina, the Militia refus'd to Join his army & he march'd W^t only 5000 Troops. — That Gen. Clinton was Embarking the same Number from New York as a reinforcement to our army in Georgia and Carolina. — & that the People of Pensylvania had renounc'd y^e Congress & reinstated M^r Franklin † y^e rightfull Governor in his place. — this by the Bible-post from Letters from N. York. —

† there must be some mistake here as to y^e Governors name, for M^r Franklin is Governor of y^e Jersies. —

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a Letter from a Merchant in Bourdeaux, to a Gentleman in Newcastle says, — "upwards of 200 Sail of Ships are laid up in this Harbour, for want of hands, & Ships of war to protect our Trade, which causes a General murmur against our ministry; Franklin & his colleques are in a precarious Situation, not daring to venture abroad at night!" —

Publick Ledger, Mar. 19.

Extract of a Letter from Dublin, mar. 9

"Certain advice is received by a Ship from Bourdeaux, that the american Company at paris have stopped payment for Several millions.

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Publick Ledger. Ap. 26. 1779.

Extract of a Letter from Ireland

April 7. —

"This Day a Letter was received from a Lieut of marines in Ad. Byron's Squadron to this Gentleman in this County — which says that Destaing's Fleet was Entirely Destroyd, & that Destaing himself was Killed in the Action. The Theory rangers fired 21 rounds on y.e Arrival of y.e above Glorious News. —"

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Publick Ledger Ap. 26. 1779.

Extract of a Letter from York Ap. 14th 1779.—

" This Evening 7 or 8 victuallers from N. york arriv'd at Cove. they sail'd from thence the 12th ult. & by them advice is had that our troops were advanc'd within 5 miles of Charlstown S. Carolina, that a force on the part of y^e americans was collected at Port Royall, in Georgia, which lies between Savannah & Charlstown, but on being attack'd by our Gentlemen they were soon put to flight "—

This Letter add^s, that a Gent. came passenger in this fleet who left Boston about the Last of Feb.^y & says the people were in Distress for provisions there, Flour scarcely to be had, & they murmur much in private, against the Congress & their alliance w^t. France —

D^r. Green the Lord Bishop of Bristol Died Last Saturday, April 24th.—79—

Ap. 27th. Mon^g. post & Gazette

April 28th. The Ledger of this Day announces the arrival of admiral Gambier, &c who left N. york 4th. of April.— &c

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from the Ledger of [redacted] 28th. May.
"Letters have lately been circulated for a meeting of all ye American Refugees resident in town; Sir Wm Pepperell to be chairman; but the Business & purport of their assembling at present are not declared."

from ye Ledger of May 29th

"of all the circumstances yet to heighten our indignation of ye present

wretched ministry, that of having burthened ye publick w. ye Expence of 60,000 in pensions to American Refugees, is surely the first: what a painfull reflection! that instead of conquering america, or raising a revenue from it, we have even lost all idea of Letters & now actually pay ye above enormous sum every year into ye Bargain

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1779. The right Revd. Revd. the Lord Bp. of Gloucester died Friday night the 11th. of June. — Morn. Post June 16.

The following from yr. Morn. Post. July 1.

As the measure of Sir — — 's crimes was not filled by all those notorious Disgraces he brot on his country, those repeated insults he has offer'd his Gallant army, & those shamefull encouragements of that rebellion he was sent out to subdue, it has been prov'd at the Bar of yr. House of Commons, that he attempted to compleat the destruction of the British empire, as far as his wretched abilities cd. empower him to do, by advising the well affected Loyalists at Philadelphia, & on yr. Delaware to submit to yr. Congress, & make their peace wth. that Assembly as great Britain meant to give them up entirely! & further wished to grant them flags of truce, to carry 'em to Washington's head Quarters! the Gallt. Clinton resolutely opposed this act of Cowardice, & has now taken the field wth. seven fine Battalions of those very Americans.

The last government accounts from N. York advise yt. Sir Henry Clinton had taken the field, & as Mr. Washington was in no great force in yr. Jerseys, nor like to receive any material reinforcements, it was imagined yt. the departure of yr. British

commander was to dislodge him from his entrenchments. — — —

It is impossible y.t any man, who has ever disgraced a publick station, or ever betray.d one of the highest trusts, can be more the object of universal Detestation, than a late Commander in chief of our forces in America. — after marching up one of y.e finest & best Disciplin.d armies, provided w.th a compleat train of artillery, to the Rebel Lines, a panic seiz.d him & a fear of putting an End to y.e war, urg.d him to march it ingloriously back again. — Not an officer or Soldier thro the Army, but astonish'd at y.e retrograde manœuvre, blushed for his share of y.e disgrace; not an American in the camp but that did not instantly perceive y.e Treachery But who was to seize y.e Commander in chief, Whom his Sovereign, whom his Country, had thus unfortunately entrusted. — Thank God however, our present military System in America bears a striking contrast to y.e above. w.th a handfull of Troops & w.t the y.e utmost facility, the officers who have commanded have penetrated,

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have destroy'd the fortifications of portsmt. and taken not only a vast train of provincial artillery, but seiz'd & cut off the very sinews of rebellion in the provinces, & stores appropriated for the Support of the present campaign. —

July 7th there was a Seurrilous & most abominable piece in the Ledger of this Day, reflecting on the Loyall American Refugees. — But

In the Same Paper of July 8th a Suitable answer was returned. —

NB. In the Ledger of July 10th it was given out, on the attestation of some rebells lately taken, y^t Gen. Prevost was defeated & Drove back to Savannah; but before Night we had news by express, y^t he y^e said Gen. Prevost, had taken Fort Johnson in S. Carolina —

NB. Duke of Oneaster died Evening of y^e 8th of July.

July 13th a well wrote piece in vindication of Mr Galloway in y^e Publick Advertiser of this Day. —

July 14th an article in the Daily advertiser this Day, Dated Chatham (New Jersey) that an Express arrived there (June 15) to Congress, w^t y^e News of y^e entire Defeat of Gen. Prevost. — but nothing of it in y^e other Papers

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